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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PE

SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 2 ON RIOTING IN LIMA

REF: LIMA 970

1. EMBOFFS HAVE JUST RETURNED TO EMBASSY FROM WALK THROUGH
DOWNTOWN LIMA.

2. APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M. EMBOFFS SAW GROUP OF 40 STUDENTS,
PROBABLY FROM VILLARREAL UNIVERSITY, MARCHING TOWARD
PLAZA SAN MARTIN AND SHOUTING "VELASCO ASSASSIN, POWER TO
THE PEOPLE".

3. AT 11:00 EMBOFFS WERE IN PLAZA DE ARMAS WHERE
ABOUT 500 GUARDIA CIVIL DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHERS HAD
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GATHERED IN FRONT OF CATHEDRAL. BYSTANDERS WERE

VERY NERVOUS AND SOME DECIDED THAT THEY HAD BETTER LEAVE PLAZA
BEORE ARMY ARRIVED. LOCAL SECURITY FORCES WERE NOT VISIBLE
IN THE PLAZA DE ARMAS, WHERE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IS LOCATED.

4. ONE-HALF HOUR LATER EMBOFFS ENCOUNTERED SWELLING CROWD
OF 1,000 STUDENTS AND YOUTHS GATHERED ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS
FROM PLAZA SAN MARTIN. STUDENTS HAD BURNED BUSES AND
AUTOMOBILES. THEY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY ARMY
TROOPS WHO FIRED TEAR GAS AND SHOT IN THE AIR. EMBOFFS
LEFT THE SCENE AS STUDENTS WERE HEADED FOR PLAZA SAN MARTIN
CHANTING ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS.

5. COMMENT: PEOPLE IN STREET ARE SAYING THAT GUARDIA REPUBLICANA
HAS JOINED STRIKE, AND SOME EVEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NAVY AND
AIR FORCE WOULD REVOLT. MOOD OF PEOPLE ENCOUNTERED BY EMBOFFS
IS CLEARLY HOSTILE TO REGIME.

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